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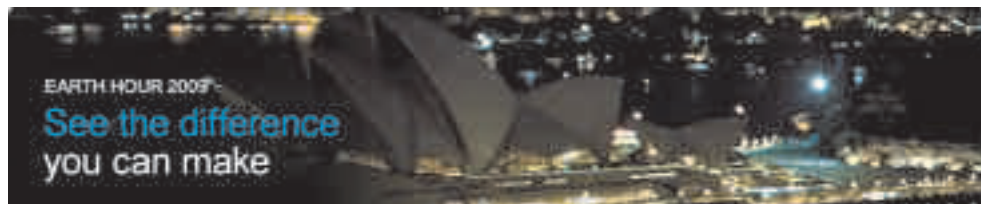
JOIN THE RACE

On November 8th, the Cape Town Waterfront was invaded by nearly 750 Scouts that took part in Race for the Environment activities. Under a bright sun, the Scouts learned about recycling and waste management, the Nature Reserves around the Western Cape, and water pollution at the Aquarium. Together with team Russia the Scouts learned more about how water pollution affects Whales and Dolphins, and got a Dolphin Diploma Card to bring home. Even cooking food was on the programme- with the help of solar energy bypassers and Scouts fried eggs and marshmallows.

At 1 pm, the Scouts gathered and got a chance to meet with skippers and team members from team Green Dragon, PUMA, Team Russia and Delta Lloyd. Questions such as "Have you ever been afraid to be attacked by a shark on the boats?", "Why are there no ladies on the boats?" and "Where do you get the money to fund your boat?" came from the audience filled with Scouts. Ian Walker, the Skipper on the Green Dragon revealed to the audience that he used to be a scout himself, and said that "The Scout movement is not bad training for sailing around the world".



Some of the 750 Cubs and Scouts who were involved in the "Race For The Environment" Activity on the docks, Cape Town



EARTH HOUR 2009
See the difference
you can make

Summer 2008

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOK SCOUT AWARDS



Diane Sherarer - Gauteng
Phillip von Platen - Gauteng
Matthew Muir - Kwazulu Natal
Matthew Downs - Gauteng
Chad Smit - Kwazulu Natal
Warwick Marlin - Kwazulu Natal

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Chief Scout has pleasure in appointing **Mr Gerard Evans** as National Commissioner Rovers, with immediate effect. Gerard brings a wealth of Scouting experience to the position.

SCOUTS SUPPORT EARTH HOUR 2009

At 8.30p.m. on 28 March 2009, towns and cities across the world will turn off their lights for one hour sending a powerful global message that it is possible to take action on global warming.

Scouts and their families in their homes, offices and communities are encouraged to participate for one hour. As members of the World Scout Youth Forum introduced this initiative and as the environment is of particular interest to young people, we would like this to be a youth led initiative. We would like to empower young people at all levels in our association to share this information, encourage Scouts to be ambassadors for Earth Hour, encourage their families, friends and other members of their communities to be involved in this initiative. Visit www.earthhour.org for information and sign up for your Group for participation.

be prepared....

DUTY TO GOD



GOD, YOU AND THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

In "Scouting for Boys", in Camp Fire Yarn No 3, Baden Powell wrote about the 6th point of the Scout Law as follows:

"6. A Scout is a Friend to Animals. He should save them as far as possible from pain, and should not kill any animal unnecessarily, for it is one of God's creatures..."

God is love, and love is not complete unless it embraces all creation including, very much, the Animal Kingdom.

Think, how far do you carry your friendship to animals? Not just the family pets, and the birds in the garden, and so forth, but animals of all kinds on the land, and in the sea and the air. Think about aspects such as these :

- Plants and marine plankton supply all of the earth's oxygen, but by global pollution and in other ways we destroy more oxygen than nature can produce destroying animals, and eventually ourselves, in the process.

- We add to the destruction by over-fishing and otherwise endangering marine life, from whales to sea birds.

- By reckless misuse of plant-bearing areas, from forests to grasslands, we are destroying more and more plant life and, automatically, animal habitats.

- By misusing various toxic substances in the home, in industry, in agriculture, and elsewhere we are endangering bird and other animal life destroying whole food chains, and even whole species.

These are but a few of the many ways that man is a menace to the Animal Kingdom and to himself too.

Think of these and kindred things that are happening all around you, and ponder the full meaning of the 6th point of the Scout Law, in relation to Duty to God.

"This thought of Vic Clapham appeared in "Veld Lore" way back in 1984 25 years ago, relevant then and so much more urgent a matter today.

CHOLERA AND OTHER WATER RELATED DISEASES

As adults in the Scout Movement we have undertaken to train our youth to "Be Prepared" for what ever life will throw up before them in their futures. Unfortunately, poverty, remoteness, ignorance and other factors expose so many of our people to the dangers of these, mainly, water borne diseases. We listen to the news on TV or radio and so many people have died from Cholera and so many more are suffering from the disease, right here in our beloved country, these people are just like you and I the only difference, they do not have the knowledge that we

have to protect ourselves. Ever since the start of Scouting, Baden-Powell, with his experience of his soldiering days, and aware of the dangers of Cholera, Typhoid, Bilharzia and Malaria and how they devastated armies and the population, even here in our own country during the Boer War, was determined to make these dangers known to all members of the Scout Movement. As a Movement of the outdoors, it is incumbent on us to protect our charges with the necessary knowledge, and not only that, but with a practical experience of actually "doing" what is required for their, and their Patrol's protection. "If we talk the talk, then we must walk the walk" as the saying goes. Some of these diseases have "pills" to take to protect one, it is even suggested that a vaccination might help to some extent, but the best and most effective method of protection

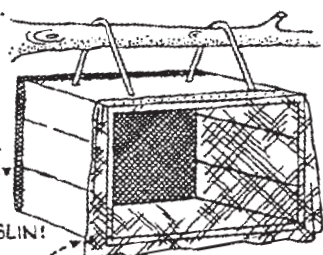
is to ensure that food and water we eat and drink is pure and made "safe" by simple precautions. Scouts have a wide selection of interest badges to choose from look at the requirements for Conservation, Survival, Backwoodsman, Boatman, Camp Quartermaster, Canoeist, Public Health, Water Biologist and World Conservation, they all require a good knowledge of safe water for drinking, cooking and or swimming in. Look at Vic Clapham's VELD LORE Scrapbooks, see how he suggests we protect ourselves and our Scouts while outdoors, by providing "safe" latrines and garbage disposal, how to build a water filter etc. Encourage, not only our Scouts, but also start in the Cub programme, this knowledge, and ability to do something about it, should be second nature to a young person by the time he or she leaves our care.

SUSPENDED BOX LARDER

WOODEN BOX, OPEN BACK AND FRONT, AND SUSPENDED BY TWO ROPES PASSED THROUGH 4 HOLES BORED IN TOP, AND HELD BY KNOTS INSIDE BOX.

WIRE GAUZE TACKED OVER THE OPEN BACK.

OR, USE MUSLIN!

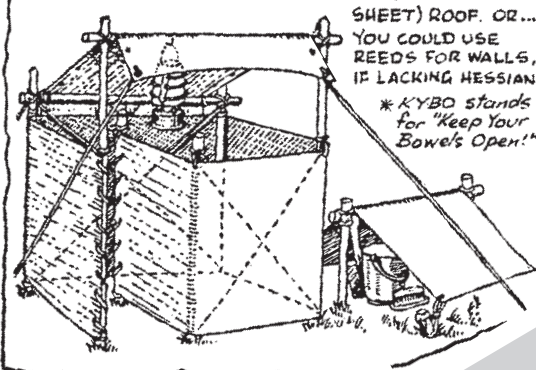


MUSLIN CURTAIN, TACKED AT TOP, HOLD CURTAIN TAUT WITH ELASTIC BAND AROUND BOX FRONT. REMOVE BAND FOR ACCESS TO LARDER. KEEP THE MUSLIN WET, FOR COOLNESS.

A HEALTHY CAMP!

Flies are the "carriers" of disease in any camp. Scouts always construct a sound latrine and urinal when camping. Make sure any faeces is well covered by soil. Only lazy campers just go off into the bush where flies will very soon find it and bring it back to the camp. All food, especially open margarine, meat and jam, left about camp will attract our enemy, flies. Store these items in a larder as shown below, and keep any food, work areas, like table tops, perfectly scrubbed. Cleanliness is the Scout way!

THIS PRACTICAL CAMP KYBO* IS FROM THE AUSTRIAN SCOUT MAG "JUGEND AM LAGERFEUER". YOU COULD MAKE IT OF HESSIAN, WITH A CANVAS (OR PLASTIC



SHEET) ROOF. OR... YOU COULD USE REEDS FOR WALLS, IF LACKING HESSIAN.

* KYBO stands for "Keep Your Bowels Open!"

Klaus Jacobs 1936 - 2008

"The difference between the Scout Movement and other youth organisations is its international dimension. It is unique, the Scout Movement is like a very large family." Klaus Jacobs - entrepreneur.

On 11 September 2008 the former Chairman of The Board of the World Scout Foundation and long-time champion of Scouting, Klaus Jacobs passed away. Klaus Jacobs was awarded the Bronze Wolf for services of the most exceptional character to Scouting in 2006, of which he was extremely proud. "The Jacobs Project has had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of Scouts across Africa, which has provided a critical vehicle for

not only personal development, but through the Scouts to their communities at large. The legacy of Mr. Klaus Jacobs will continue through the multitude of young people through whom his generosity and vision will leave this world a better place"

Rubina M. Haroon
former Regional Director
May his soul rest in peace.

Born in Germany in 1936, Klaus Jacobs was a famous businessman and entrepreneur who held a keen lifelong interest in the Scout Movement. A Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, Klaus was convinced that the Movement could help young people play an active role in building their own futures and in training young leaders capable to take part in the development and social, cultural and economic progress of their

country.

In recent years, he strongly promoted and encouraged the development of Scouting in Africa, and in 2004, the Jacobs Foundation agreed to finance the first phase of a pilot project to strengthen youth leadership in the Region. As a result, the Africa Scout Region was able to launch a project entitled, "Training Young Leaders to Ensure the Future of Africa".

South Africa was a beneficiary of this funding. It enabled the development of patrol leader training camp material, training of patrol leaders at camps and PLTU, the development and printing of the Welcome to Scouting, Fun in Cubbing and Let the Adventure Begins booklets, assisting in the development of training manuals and funded many adults to attend training courses.



Mr Klaus Jacobs (right) receives the bronze wolf award in 2006

B-P'S OUTLOOK Patrol Leaders



Some few Scoutmasters are still behind the times, and consequently their Troops are behind the average, in not making sufficient use of their Patrol Leaders.

They ought to give the sub-officers as much liberty of action as they like to get themselves from their District Associations or Commissioners.

They must hold the Patrol Leaders responsible for everything good or bad that occurs in his Patrol. They must put responsibility upon him, let him do his job, and if he makes mistakes let him do so, and show him afterwards where he went wrong in this way only can he learn.

Half the value of our training is to be got by putting responsibility on young shoulders. It is especially valuable for taming the wilder spirits; it gives them something which they like to take up instead of their equally heroic but less desirable hooligan pursuits

April 1910.






Over the past two years the Algoa Bus Company in Port Elizabeth has sponsored the P.E. Scouts "Walk for Kids" 100km walk from Jeffreys Bay to Algoa Bay, the Rugby Stadium in Humewood. The event also includes a Professional Runner's 100km Race, 100km Relay for a team of 12 runners and a 50km Junior Run.

The event took place on 7/8 November, with the Scout walkers having to register as the runners do. The start at the "Tubes" at Jeffreys Bay was at 17.00 on Friday night and the first Scout person to complete the 100km was Commissioner Dave Higgs, photo left, by 8.00 the next morning. Eight Scouts and parents completed the walk with others completing as many kilometers as the could. The Missionvale Children's and HIV orphans homes was presented with a cheque for R42000 from the sponsorship of the Scout walkers with a contribution from the Sponsor.

The 2009 event will take place on 18/19 September. All scouts are invited to participate. Visit www.baytobaychallenge.co.za for details

Training Commissioner - David Higgs, first Scout home

51st JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR 2008

Greetings
Dennis, ZS4BS

EAST LONDON

"Saturday 18 October dawned bright and clear after quite a bit of rain earlier in the week, which could have quite literally been a mess, with the JOTA Scout Camp being held on a farm!

The Border Radio Club had it's JOTA station up and running well before 09:00 on the morning and started with the day's activity. 40m was extremely kind to us and many contacts were made during the course of the whole day, without the usual fade-out during the middle of the day. Most of the operating was carried out by myself ZS2BQ and OM Peter ZS2ABF, who even managed some contacts late afternoon to Saipan and Germany - unfortunately not JOTA stations.



East London station in a tent

Simultaneously, Ivan ZS2ILN, Nico ZS2NC and Phil ZS2NP had the Scouts and Cubs building a simple alarm circuit supplied by the Club. This really went down well and who knows if the bug has bitten a couple of them, who also may one day join in our hobby and become Hams.

After a most enjoyable day with the Cubs and Scouts, we packed up at about 17:45 and left for home, another successful Border Radio Club outing behind us.

GRAAFF - REINET

After a number of years gap, Graaf-Reinet Scout Troop station ZS2JAM was on the air with six Scouts while many others Scouts were unfortunately involved with school sports that day.

The few that attended enjoyed it, but were lost for words and did not quite know what to say.

The Scout master is Bruce Maree who is a teacher at Union High School. Bruce informed me that this is the first time in many years that a station was set up locally.

There has been interest shown in CW classes and electronic project building but this will only start next year due to Exams.

The local newspaper did a write-up about the event but seemed to cover more about Ham Radio. The call sign used was ZS2JAM operated by ZS2AZT. The equipment used was Kenwood TS 870 and the antenna was Rybakov 806 Multiband (courtesy IV3SBE website). Conditions were not that good but the stations worked were mostly 5x5/7 except Swaziland 5x9+20. I hope this is enough but being the only operator, it was difficult to note everything as the Scouts tried to assist, but did not jot down some of the information. 73, Claud ZS2AZT

MAFIKENG



The antenna

Scouting Mafikeng had a great JOTA/JOTI event at SCENE. The Scouts erected a tower with lashed pioneering poles to hoist the antenna. Soon a large group of Scouts, with a couple from Australia and their two kids were "on the air"



The gang with our Australian friends



**Thanks to
Dennis ZS4BS,
he was able to
keep the large
group interested**

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